Serial No. 09/435,540 RIC 99 057

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submits that the changes made in the specification do not introduce any new matter. The changes on the first page is to correct an error in the Preliminary Amendment submitted November 21, 2000 and to change an internal number and update the status of the provisional application of which is priority is claimed in this Application. If the Office feels that it is necessary for further discussion, the undersigned attorney can be reached at (202)-736-6651.

Respectfully submitted,

Date:

WorldCom, Inc.

1133 19th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036

Tel: (202) 736-6651 Fax: (202) 736-6382

DJO/tg

Serial No. 09/435,540 RIC 99 057

VERSION WITH MARKING TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. [60/163,193] 60/163,913, filed November 5, 1999.